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Getting tougher

Oki Marines receive introduction to new martial arts training

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CAMP COURTNEY— More than 50 Marines trained here Oct. 10-13 to become certified unit instructors for the new Marine Martial Arts Program.

Throughout the Marine Corps, instructors are being certified to train Marines in the new program, which replaces previous close combat programs. Officials say the new program improves Marine combat readiness in several ways.

"This program is not just defensive in nature, it teaches a broader perspective of skills," said Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Hampton, senior close combat instructor, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. "It is also better designed for today's peace-keeping missions as it teaches Marines how to control the situation and keep the violence from escalating."

Marines are trained how to defend themselves when attacked and how to subdue potential troublemakers before violence occurs, according to Hampton.

The MMAP instruction adds a more proactive nature to Marine close combat skills, an improvement over the reactive nature of previous training programs.

While Marines have been learning basic martial arts moves at recruit training since 1997, the MMAP introduces mental and moral training that is essential to producing a 'gentleman warrior,' according to Master Gunnery Sgt. C.V. Urso, training chief, MMAP, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.



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Sgt. Frank Borkowski, combat engineer, Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, assumes his warrior stance during certification training in the new Marine Martial Arts Program. Borkowski was one of more than 50 Marines who took the training at Camp Courtney Oct. 10, which qualified them to return to their units and teach their fellow Marines the new martial arts program.

rine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

"Teaching people to be aggressive in a combat environment is easy," Urso said. "What's hard is teaching people psychological and moral development. If you teach the physical skills of this program without the moral and mental skills, you are raising thugs."

The MMAP blends physical training of martial arts techniques with classes and discussions designed to reinforce Corps Values and develop the moral sense of Marines as individuals, according to Urso.

"As the training progresses we add martial culture studies," Urso said. "We'll stop after a hard physical training session, pull all of the students together and take a look at historical mar-

tial cultures such as the Zulu and the Apache."

Urso said the Marine Corps is a martial culture in that its design and primary functions are 'warlike.'

"We are training gentleman warriors," Urso said. "Men capable of lethal force who choose to be gentle and who know how to keep a situation under control."

Goals instituting the new program include enhancing the Corps' reputation as an elite fighting force and training combat skills that can be used in any situation.

A complete transition from previous close combat programs to MMAP will be implemented by March 2002.

Technology

'Loveletter' virus returns

Pfc. Damian J. McGee

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER— Two computer viruses that brought e-mail programs on Department of Defense computers to a halt last spring have resurged, according to a recent administrative message.

Marine Corps officials released a general administrative message Oct. 4 warning all DoD users of the resurgence of the 'loveletter' virus.

"We published that message as we began to see a small, but slightly increasing resurgence of one or more particularly nasty viruses that caused the entire Department of Defense some headaches earlier this year," said Ted Steinhauser, operations department, Marine Information, Technology and Network Operations Center, Headquarters Marine Corps.

The first time the virus appeared, be
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Courtney admin shops consolidate

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CAMP COURTNEY— For Marines stationed here, their personnel administrative support section has taken steps to improve its services.

Following in the footsteps of the 3rd Force Service Support Group, admin Matines at III Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Marine Division have combined forces to create the Consolidated Personal Administrative Center here.

The new administrative support center has taken the place of two separate shops used for each unit. Now that they are combined, they offer the Marines new benefits.

One benefit in particular stands out and will be the most recognized among
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MCI Graduate of the Year contest rewards self-education

Lance Cpl. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER— The Corps' Distance Education and Training Council is requesting nominations for the fiscal year 2000 Graduate of the Year.

The DETC seeks to recognize a Marine whose record of self-study and education through Marine Corps Institute course work best exemplifies excellence in the lifelong study of the profession of arms.

Last year's winner received a plaque, a \$500 savings

bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Each nomination submitted to the DETC must be in writing by a commanding officer and must be received by Nov. 3.

The nominations must include only courses and programs completed from Oct. 1, 1999 to Sept. 30, 2000. Each Marine must submit a standard five-by-seven inch black and white photo and a statement that explains the reasons for taking the courses and how the knowledge benefited the Marine. Other self-study and off-duty education may

be considered, as well as awards, special recognition and accomplishments that were assisted by the MCI study. While the number of courses completed is a factor, the reason why the Marine used the knowledge from the courses to benefit himself, his unit, the Corps and the local community is the focus of this program.

All enlisted Marines, active and reserve, are eligible. All nominations can be mailed to: Marine Corps Institute, ATTN Maj. Heritage, 912 Charles Poor St., SE, Washington Navy Yard, D.C., 20391-5680.



Toys for Tots phone has changed to 636-3418/3527

Messhalls seek advice via e-mail

Less than half of those eligible use Marine Corps messhalls, officials want to know why

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP KINSER – Food service officials have created a new customer feedback e-mail account to help boost messhall food quality and service. The e-mail idea is one way they are trying to increase the number of service members who eat at Marine Corps messhalls.

Patrons can use the new e-mail address, foodsrvcskinser@mcbbutler.usmc.mil, to send messages directly to the food service officials. Senders will remain anonymous, according to Master Gunnery Sgt. Joe R. Dominguez, food services technician, Food Services Office, Marine Corps Base.

“We’re trying to open a line of communication to our customers so we can improve our service and increase the number of people we have coming to our messhalls,” Dominguez said. “At the same time we want to reassure those who do use this e-mail that they won’t be sent up the flag pole for submitting constructive criticism. We will see who sends the e-mail, but no one else will unless it’s a revolutionary new idea that deserves proper credit.”

The idea to create the e-mail address for customer feedback stemmed from a need to attract more meal card holders to eat at the messhalls instead of spending their money needlessly on fast food, Dominguez said.

“We always hear people saying they don’t go to the messhall because they don’t like it,” Dominguez said. “Now we have a forum for Marines to tell us why they don’t like it or what it would take to get them back into our messhalls. Whether it is adding a regional or ethnic entree to our menu or getting rid of an entree that no one finds appealing, we want to know. We don’t want Marines spending their hard-earned money on something that is a Congressionally-given right for them to have.”



LANCE CPL. KATHY J. ARNDT

Marine Corps food service officials are asking their customers how to improve messhalls islandwide. They have created an e-mail address to collect customer feedback. The address, foodsrvcskinser@mcbbutler.usmc.mil, allows Marines to suggest ways to make messhalls better.

“The e-mail address is an outstanding idea,” said Lance Cpl. Devin R. Mitchell, legal clerk, MCB Staff Judge Advocate Office. “I rarely eat in the chowhall. I wonder why it wasn’t thought of sooner. I will definitely use it.”

Mitchell said he plans to use the e-mail suggestion box to ask food service officials to find a way to keep bread served at messhalls fresher and to post menu selections inside his barracks. He also said he’s tired of watching CNN on the messhall television when he visits the messhall. He said he would like to see “anything but CNN.”

Food service officials are concerned about getting service members back into the messhalls because its operating budget is based on the number of people who eat there, Dominguez said.

“We get about \$7 a day to feed one Marine,”

Dominguez said. “It may not cost us \$7 to feed that Marine, but the money we save there enables us to offer extras like a deli bar or special events like lobster and steak dinners. If the numbers are low, our budget is low and we can only offer the bare minimum. The messhalls with the highest attendance get more money and go above and beyond requirements of the master menu.”

According to Dominguez, the Food Services Office is also in the process of reviewing and revamping the master menu. He said it is an excellent opportunity for service members who have suggestions on how to improve messhall service to send in comments via the e-mail suggestion box.

“While we are reviewing the master menu it is a perfect time for Marines to give us their ideas,” Dominguez said. “Basically, we want to know what will bring people back to the messhall.”

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the Marines, according to Gerald M. Joye, officer in charge, CPAC, Camp Courtney.

“With the administrative center now consolidated at the camp level, wherever the Marine works and lives, is where the Marine will go to receive his personnel administrative support,” Joye said. “With these new changes, the Marine Corps can centralize the administrative function. We will be able to streamline the administrative support to the Marines quicker, more efficiently and save time, energy and manpower.”

Camps Hansen and Schwab are also

slated to open CPAC’s of their own by May 2001, combining administrative shops around the island, and simplifying the Marines’ personnel administrative needs, according to Joye.

“Right now, we are one of the first camps,” Joyce said. “Hansen and Schwab will stand up with CPAC’s in conjunction with a directive that the Corps consolidates administrative support above the battalion level and begin performing at the camp level.”

The 45 Marines working at the CPAC, and who are responsible for over 1,800 other Marines’ administrative support,

were called upon to make the physical combination of the two offices possible in a limited amount of time, said Staff Sgt. Thomas L. Higginbottom, CPAC administrative chief, Camp Courtney.

“You would think it would be as easy as just picking up your gear and moving over to the next office, but it’s not,” Higginbottom said. “Not only did the Marines have to chip in with the manual labor, but then other concerns had to be met. Building prints, office designs, phone lines, you name it ... everyone here had to interact with many different units around the camp in order for the whole operation to get up and running.”

The newly combined administrative teams are benefiting each other, as well as the Marines around the island, as they learn and improve from one another, according to Master Sgt. Mark A. Edwards, CPAC personnel chief, Camp Courtney.

“Now that we’re combined, we get to see both division and MEF, and see how the two shops operated differently with full scope of both worlds,” Edwards said. “Then we are able to pick and choose the good parts from the bad, from both sides of the house. The CPAC can build off of everything good, overcome any obstacle and help all the Marines in the process.”

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tween April and May of 2000, the DoD was forced to shut down its entire e-mail system to rid it of the virus. The virus, once introduced to an e-mail account, replicates itself 50 times over and goes into the user’s mailbox. Once in the mailbox, the virus is sent to 50 addressees and continues to spread in the same manner until an entire network is infected.

With the release of this new message,

the viruses were contained before they caused any major problems, Steinhauser said.

“Our efforts paid off,” Steinhauser said. “Within a day or two, that small threat began to disappear.”

The original message was followed up on Oct. 13 by an additional order, warning of another virus by the name of ‘lifestages.’ This virus acts in a similar

manner as the ‘loveletter’ virus, but has not been as prevalent, officials said. Steinhauser said he hopes that messages such as these will keep users informed and prevent infections from occurring.

“Being proactive in this instance, we promulgated a message merely warning people to be on the look out just in case someone brings in an infected floppy diskette from home, transferring the virus to

their computer at work,” Steinhauser said.

“It only takes one individual with an inadequately protected machine to cause disruptions throughout the network,” Steinhauser added.

If a user does receive a message with the subject ‘loveletter,’ experts advise the file not be opened and the Information Systems Coordinator be contacted immediately.



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Fighting to end abuse:

Domestic violence intervention begins with commanders

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CAMP BUTLER – Family Advocacy Officials here are meeting with as many commanding officers as possible to seek their help to end domestic violence.

“We are getting together with as many COs as we can during October,” said Navy Lt. Barry D. Adams, director, counseling and advocacy programs, Marine Corps Community Services. “We want to inform and empower them with information and the latest approaches to preventing and recognizing the early signs of domestic violence.”

The one-on-one approach the Family Advocacy Office is taking is part of the low-level, low-risk method of identifying and intervening on domestic violence cases early, before they become life-threatening situations, according to Adams.

“We’ve had a great deal of success with the low-level, low-risk approach to preventing domestic violence,” Adams said. “But success of this method depends on the involvement of COs and senior staff non-commissioned officers.”

In addition to talking to commanders, the FAO plans on training senior staff noncommissioned officers to recognize early signs of domestic violence, Adams said.

“Our counselors are going to go into units to train the senior staff noncommissioned officers to be able to sit down and talk with their Marines about domestic violence,” Adams said. “We want to get them involved, because it’s more believable having men talking to men about why it’s wrong to commit acts of violence against women and children. This method will hopefully help abusers get out of the ‘good ole boy’ and ‘macho’ ways of thinking where being mean

to women is okay.”

According to Adams, this is accomplished by trying to relate the domestic violence to the abuser’s mother or sister by asking them: What would you do if someone was doing this to your mother or sister?

“By asking scenario type questions, we hope to show that any act of violence against anyone is wrong,” Adams said. “Our goal in doing this is to eliminate domestic violence, not just coexist with it.”

Additionally, the FAO is trying to inform the community on the importance of staying involved with domestic violence prevention by speaking at various organizational meetings such as the Family Readiness Expo Oct. 28 at the Foster Fieldhouse, according to Dorothy L. Montgomery, victim advocate, FAO, MCCS.

“We need the community as a whole to realize that turning its back on domestic violence or not getting involved because it’s a private family matter is wrong,” Montgomery said. “Domestic violence is a community issue. We want people to go out and empower the victims of abuse by reporting it. Empowering victims has lowered the number of violent incidents more than anything else.”

While the FAO continues its efforts to combat domestic violence, Adams wants people to realize the importance of separating work and home life.

“Abuse and domestic violence does not equate to a tougher military,” Adams said. “It shows a lack of discipline, respect and moral character. You don’t have to be tough in your home in order to be tough on the battlefield.”

For more information on domestic violence or to get help for yourself or someone who is being abused, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 645-2915 or the 24-hour hotline at 634-HELP.

Spotlight to shine on Oki families

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CAMP FOSTER – Military families islandwide are being invited to the inaugural Family Readiness Expo Oct. 28 at the Foster Fieldhouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fifty organizations that assist and support families during their Okinawa tour will attend the expo which is sponsored by Marine Corps Family Team Building and Marine Corps Community Services.

The free event is designed to benefit the military family, and at the same time, improve the readiness of the Marine Corps and other services on Okinawa, according to Karen Hanovich, MCFTB support assistant.

“Without family readiness you can’t have optimal unit readiness,” said Hanovich.

When service members have to deploy, they sometimes realize their families are not ready for their quick departure, Hanovich added.

“It’s very frustrating when you deploy and people get pulled back because their family isn’t ready,” said Maj. Cassondra Ayers, MCFTB officer. “We are trying to enable people, so that when they deploy they can concentrate on the mission, not worry about family issues.”

Shan Tyson, MCFTB Family Readiness program assistant, said the expo will be the largest of its type ever held on Okinawa.

“Some units have done mini-readiness days,” Tyson said. “But this is many organizations together in one place.”

Among the many organizations attending the expo will be those that Tyson said are not often associated with issues relating to family readiness, such as opticians, said Tyson.

“Some people do not think to have their children’s eyes examined until they develop a vision problem,” Tyson said. “By being more pro-active you can avoid these types of emergency issues.”

Barbara Carroll, MCFTB support assistant, stressed the importance of visiting the legal office.

“Here, everything literally depends on the service member,” Carroll said. “If I want to terminate the cable in my house while my husband is on deployment, I cannot do that unless I have a power of attorney.”

Laura Winkelbauer, MCFTB Family Readiness program manager, said the importance of taking care of issues like obtaining advance powers of attorney became apparent in 1999 when Marines were quickly deployed to East Timor.

“A real world contingency is not the time for families to realize they have not kept up on things like powers of attorney and family financial planning. Family readiness is a comprehensive ongoing necessity for all military families, even if you are assigned to a non-deployable unit.” Winkelbauer said.

MCFTB is hoping the expo will raise the awareness to the importance of family readiness.

With presentations from Typhoon Motors on basic car care to Navy entomologists giving live-snake demonstrations, MCFTB hopes families who attend will leave with valuable readiness information.

“Just about everybody we called wanted to be involved in the expo because it’s a great opportunity for them to get info to the families,” Hanovich said.

More information about who will be at the expo, and answers to other question can be obtained by calling 645-2841/3689.

Raffle prizes will be given away at the expo, including two weekend stays for couples at the Ie Resort Hotel. Free children’s activities will include child identification kits, which include fingerprinting and photo; an “Arts in the park” area; a kid’s Halloween costume parade; K-9 demonstrations and inflatable rides.

MCFTB recommends the first stop for visitors to be the information booth to obtain expo maps and a schedule of events.

Campaign on track to meet goal

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CAMP BUTLER — As the Combined Federal Campaign 2000 enters its third week, Department of Defense employees on Okinawa have contributed more than \$115,000 to the more than 1,300 CFC charities.



Gordon

“We’re doing great, but have a long way to go to reach our goal of just over \$580,000,” said Bruce Hidaka-Gordon, component area project officer, Marine Forces Japan. “Everyone needs to take just a couple minutes and look through the charities. I’m sure there is an organization there that will draw your interest.”

Established by Executive Order, and signed by President John F. Kennedy to create an annual fund-raising campaign for nonprofit charitable organizations, this year’s campaign will continue through Nov. 17.

“This is every federal employee’s chance to reach out and touch the world through a charity of their choice,” Hidaka-Gordon said. “Or, if they want to give to their community instead, they can do that through the Family Support and Youth Activity Programs.”

In addition to the FSYP, there are a number of ways to give to your community through the CFC.

“You can give to the Red Cross, United Services Organization, Young Marines or the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation just to name a few,” Hidaka-Gordon said. “All these organizations have a local impact.”

Whether contributors are looking to have an impact on the world or their local community, there are a couple ways to give. Donors to the CFC may choose the payroll de-



duction program or make a one-time lump sum contribution. To designate a specific cause, donors can fill out a pledge card, which unit community area project officers or CFC key persons can provide.

- For more information on the CFC, call your CAPO:
- III Marine Expeditionary Force – 622-7773
- 1st Marine Aircraft Wing – 645-2959
- 3rd Marine Division – 622-9402
- 3rd Force Service Support Group – 637-2190
- MCAS Futenma – 636-3264
- Marine Corps Base – 645-2969

Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Oct. 8-14.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal and private first class with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, were found guilty at company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: restriction and extra duties for 45 days and forfeiture of \$500 for two months.

• Being in an off-base establishment which serves alcohol after midnight

A private first class with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of violating the off-base alcohol curfew. Punishment: forfeiture of \$263 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

• Underage drinking

A private first class with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$502 for two months, restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

• A staff sergeant assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was sentenced to 60 days confinement and reduction to E-3 at a special court-martial on one specification of Articles 132, making a false claim on a household goods shipment, and 134, adultery.

• A hospitalman recruit assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was sentenced to 18 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and a bad-conduct discharge at a general court-martial for violations of the following Articles: 81, conspiracy to commit larceny, 92, underage drinking, 121, larceny, and 130, housebreaking.

To submit a brief ...

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LANCE CPL. KATHY J. ARNDT

Best messhall

Col. Willie J. Williams, commander, Marine Corps Base, and Gunnery Sgt. Efren Morales, food manager, Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, hold the 1999 Best Messhall of the Year Award at messhall 4328 on Camp Courtney on Oct. 13. Messhall 4328 also won the award last year and is now up for the W.P.T. Hill Award for the best messhall in the Marine Corps. The winner of the W.P.T. Hill Award will be announced in February.

Community Briefs

MCI major command visit

Annually, the Marine Corps Institute visits the major bases and stations around the Corps. These visits allow MCI the chance to meet with Marine leaders and to conduct a workshop with the officers and noncommissioned officers who administer the unit MCI program. Presently, the MCI brief to Okinawa is scheduled for Oct. 23-25.

During the visit, MCI will conduct two seminars, which will discuss issues relevant to the program. The first is a leader's brief where recent improvements, initiatives and technologies are discussed. The second seminar is the Mobile Training Team brief, where MCI shows training NCOs how to track unit enrollment and gives tips on how to manage the unit MCI program effectively.

Oct. 23 8 a.m. Camp Schwab Leaders Brief
9 a.m. Camp Schwab MTT workshop
1 p.m. Camp Hansen Leadership Brief
2 p.m. Camp Hansen MTT workshop

Oct. 24 8 a.m. Camp Courtney Leadership Brief
9 a.m. Camp Courtney MTT workshop
1 p.m. Camp Foster Leadership Brief
2 p.m. Camp Foster MTT workshop

Oct. 25 8 a.m. MCAS Futenma Leadership Brief
9 a.m. MCAS Futenma MTT workshop
1 p.m. Camp Kinser Leadership Brief
2 p.m. Camp Kinser MTT workshop

* All briefs will take place at respective camp theater.

Energy Awareness Month

Energy Awareness Week is scheduled for Oct. 23 – 27. This is the start of year-long efforts to increase energy and water efficiency. Participate during this week by practicing energy efficient manners within your facilities and learn how you can do more to save energy

and water just by going to the Department of Navy's Energy Website located at <http://energy.navy.mil/awareness/welcome.html>. During this month maintenance will be handing out energy efficiency materials such as mugs, pens, calendars, mouse pads, stickers and posters in an effort to spread the word of energy awareness. If you or anyone in your unit would like to show they are energy conscious please call 645-7122.

Air conditioners to shut down

October 16 marks the end of the regular air conditioner season. This date is only the planned date according to the commanding general's policy, which means shut off could come earlier or later. Weather conditions will be the deciding factor. If you are in question as to whether or not your facility is authorized to keep the A/C on past the shut off date, please refer to Base Bulletin 11380. Those facilities that are authorized will maintain the set temperature of 76-80 degrees unless otherwise indicated within the bulletin. If there are any further questions, call 645-7122.

Commandant's brief

Based on requests from unit leaders within III Marine Expeditionary Force, the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps' recent interview with AFN will be aired on the Commander's Access Channel 7 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 23-27. Commanders are encouraged to allow time for their Marines to watch the 40-minute interview.

Annual community conference

The Okinawa Interagency Coordinating Council will hold its 5th Annual Community Conference Oct. 26-28. Topics will include Autism, Behavior and Communications strategies for children with Autism, Attention Deficit Hyper activity Disorder, IEP process, Okinawa Parent Support groups and early childhood speech activities for the home. Seating is limited to 60 people. For more information, call Donna Champion at 645-9237 or Ashley Pewitt at 646-6265.

Commandant issues guidance update



Gen. James L. Jones

Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

A year ago, I issued the Commandant's guidance as an expression of my personal philosophy concerning our Corps.

As a broad statement that is descriptive, rather than prescriptive, the document is true to its title: it provides guidance from the Commandant regarding subjects that are of interest and concern to Marines. These subjects were carefully chosen, but at the conclusion of my first year in office, I directed my staff to assist me in reviewing the Commandant's guidance to determine whether there were any areas in need of refinement or any important issues that had been overlooked. The resounding and unanimous answer echoed the conclusion I had already reached: safety.

In the one-year period following publication of the Commandant's guidance on July 1, 1999, accidents resulted in the deaths of 112 of our Marines and Sailors, and injuries to 775 others. These statistics include both training and off-duty mishaps. The numbers are alarming. Sadly, in many cases, deaths and injuries could easily have been prevented. For example, 50 percent of the Marines killed off duty in motor vehicle collisions were not wearing seatbelts. Such losses are as senseless and inexcusable as they are tragic.

The record would appear to indicate that the Marine Corps has become complacent about safety, but let me assure you that this is not the case. In fact, safety is one of our highest priorities and is of such importance that the assistant commandant personally heads our efforts in that area, chairing an executive safety board that directly engages the senior leadership of the Corps in addressing and resolving issues.

Safety is a subject that has held my own close attention throughout the past year, and I am convinced that we have a problem. However, it is a problem that we can correct through the concerted application of leadership, common sense, and discipline: resources that are available to the Corps in abundance.

With these things in mind, I have issued an update to the Commandant's guidance addressing this most important subject. As safety is an inherent function of leadership, this new material should be considered an integral part of the section in the guidance entitled "Leading Marines." Like the original document of which it now forms a part, this addendum is intended to establish "Commandant's intent" with regard to one of the most pressing challenges facing us today. Marine leaders at all levels must translate this intent into action by implementing appropriate measures to attack and defeat the unsafe acts and conditions that are robbing us of our most

precious asset: our Marines.

The situation is clear. The mission: eliminate avoidable accidents.

The update to the 32nd Commandant's guidance is quoted as follows: "Safety, both operational and personal, is the responsibility of every Marine."

It begins with leadership. The message is simple, and as old as the Corps itself: leaders take care of their Marines. That duty is all encompassing, touching almost every aspect of our personal and professional lives. Marine leaders take responsibility for the actions and omissions of the men and women they lead, on duty and off, to an extent that is unique to military culture, with no counterpart in the civilian world. They actively concern themselves with their Marines' welfare and combat preparedness, including their physical and mental well being, training, personal readiness, and family readiness. It is evident then, that conditions, practices, and habits posing a threat to the safety of Marines must be sought out, attacked, and eliminated by leaders.

A leader's responsibility for safety includes three broad functions. First, leaders establish an organizational culture emphasizing the importance of safety. This requires more than perfunctory safe driving lectures. It is, instead, a continuing educational process that seeks to stimulate an attitude of true safety consciousness in every member of the unit. A leader's second function with regard to safety is supervision. Inherent to authority is the obligation to issue and enforce policy. Too frequently, accident investigations reveal a fateful deviation from regulations. Supervision and enforcement can prevent many such occurrences. Finally, leaders seek balance.

The Marine Corps is a combat organization, and combat is an extraordinarily dangerous activity in which success often entails risk. Accordingly, we value leaders who are prudent risk takers. This is a critical element of the Corps' reputation for success in combat and it is essential that it be preserved. In combat, leaders constantly assess risk, seeking to accomplish the mission while protecting their Marines. When the risk is too high, we seek other means of approaching the mission. We must translate this habit

to the training environment. Our goal is to train realistically, but safely, recognizing and assessing risk, just as we do in combat.

Responsibility for safety does not end with leaders. To reinforce the actions of leaders, all hands, regardless of grade or billet, must be mindful of safety concerns and watchful of their fellow Marines.

There is an old and well-known saying that tells us, "Marines take care of their own." These words express in simple and direct terms the very powerful idea that each of us bears responsibility for our shipmates. It is a concept that has given rise to

countless acts of heroism in combat and elsewhere, as Marines and Sailors have selflessly striven to preserve the lives of stricken comrades, facing danger and even sacrificing their own lives in the process. This is the epitome of physical courage, and the spirit to perform such acts of heroism is present in the heart of every Marine. But in the realm of safety, it is often moral courage that is required: the fortitude to step forward and speak up when an unsafe act or condition threatens harm.

Such moral courage is an essential element of the character of the U.S. Marine. It is a part of our institutional identity. We will use it liberally in our assault on preventable mishaps.

The final responsibility for safety rests with the individual Marine. Leaders set the conditions in which safety matters receive the proper emphasis, and all Marines strive to "take care of their own," but the power to act wisely frequently rests in the hands of the individual. For example, a Marine on liberty usually decides alone whether to fasten a seatbelt or wear a motorcycle helmet. In keeping with my philosophy that Marines always try to do the right thing, I expect and require all Marines to act appropriately in exercising their individual safety responsibilities.

Clearly, safety affects almost every activity in which Marines engage: training, recreation, and the basic daily routine. As such, we will afford it the attention it warrants, with the goal of eliminating preventable mishaps.

Through responsible risk management and safety awareness we will accomplish this mission. As Marines, we can settle for nothing less. Semper Fidelis.

"Fifty percent of the Marines killed off-duty in motor vehicle collisions were not wearing seatbelts. Such losses are as senseless and inexcusable as they are tragic."

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STREET TALK

"How does your family prepare for deployments?"



Maurick Hewett,
military family member

"We eat breakfast together, ride bikes and my dad tells me I'm the 'man of the house' while he's gone."



Susan D. Scavitto,
military spouse

"We spend quality time together as a family diving and dining."



Alyssa Brosnan,
military family member

"We always go out for a family dinner."



Regina L. Corns,
military spouse

"We are used to the deployments after 20 years of experience. We already have our power of attorney set up."

Annual attack at *FWJI*

Marines deploy from the comforts of home for 36 days of rugged combat training in the shadow of Japan's Mt. Fuji

photos by Lance Cpl. Liz Herrera

Pfc. Jacob Henderson, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, conquers a rope climbing obstacle during exercise Cloud Warrior 2000 at Camp Fuji.



During combat patrol training, Pfc. Jeffery Skinner, field radio operator, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, sights in on an enemy target. MWSS-172 recently participated in an annual exercise called Cloud Warrior 2000 at Camp Fuji.

Wing Marines fire it up during Cloud Warrior 2000

Story by Capt. Steven J. Kotansky and
2nd Lt. Carl B. Redding, Jr.

CAMP FUJI — As the early morning sun began to peek over Mt. Fuji, Marines shimmied into position and peered through the sights of their machine guns. Their palms sweat with anticipation. Their hearts pumped. It was almost time. From a distance, they heard the command, “Standbye ... Fire!”

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM. Machine guns spit fire, sending hot metal into the center of their target. For the Marines, it was just the type of training they were hungry for. Many of them had not fired a machine gun since Marine Combat Training years ago.

Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 deployed with 208 Okinawa Marines and Sailors to Camp Fuji, Japan, for exercise Cloud Warrior 2000.

During the 36-day annual exercise, the Marines fired all of their unit’s weapon systems. In addition, the Marines performed basic warfighting skills, which included day and night patrolling, land navigation, two phases of fire and maneuver, firing crew-served weapons and basic demolitions.

The squadron is staffed with Marines and Sailors who maintain equipment and deploy in small detachments to provide basic base-camp services to deployed 1st Ma-

rine Aircraft Wing units. MWSS-172 participates in approximately 15 deployments annually.

Cloud Warrior is the only opportunity each fiscal year the squadron has to practice and perfect its combat skills. “Exercise Cloud Warrior is essential to the Marines and Sailors to maintain the basic warfighting skills that are ingrained in them during recruit training and Marine Combat Training,” said Lt. Col. Gregory V. Corbett, commanding officer, MWSS-172. “Without this yearly opportunity to travel to Camp Fuji and fire all of our weapon systems, we would not be able to ensure the appropriate level of combat readiness within the squadron.”

Beyond the basic combat skills honed during the deployment, Cloud Warrior gave the squadron the chance to practice various staff functions in a field environment. “As a deployed headquarters element we were able to conduct rapid planning with our section heads, complete a comprehensive training schedule and react to any change quickly,” said Gunnery Sgt. Randy Householder, communications chief, MWSS-172. “It proved that we can fight as a unit in wartime.”

For Cloud Warrior to succeed each year, MWSS-172 relies on vehicles and other essential equipment provided from MWSS-171 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. On Aug. 23, 56 Marines and Sailors from MWSS-172 deployed to MCAS Iwakuni as an advance team to pre-

pare borrowed vehicles, communications gear, and other mission essential items for the exercise. They then began a two-day, 530-mile convoy to Camp Fuji.

“On Okinawa, we do not practice convoy operations very often. But during Cloud Warrior we were able to put all of our training into action,” said Capt. Mike Krohmer, logistics officer, MWSS-172.

Twelve medical personnel from MWSS-172 deployed and served in the field and augmented the Camp Fuji Medical Clinic. The medical personnel from MWSS-172 were the first to respond during Cloud Warrior’s three multiple-casualty exercises.

“Cloud Warrior was an excellent training evolution,” said Navy Lt. Ting-Wei Yang, medical officer, MWSS-172. “We were put to the challenge and successfully conquered all situations, whether training or actual medical emergencies.”

Throughout the exercise, every Marine and Sailor was reminded that the defense of the forward operating base is a huge aspect of the squadron’s overall mission, according to 1st Lt. Kevin J. Legge, officer in charge of range operations.

“Cloud Warrior was truly an excellent opportunity for the Marines and Sailors to deploy and train as a unit,” Legge said. “The skills they practiced will be essential to guarantee victory on the battlefield.”



Mt. Fuji set the backdrop for Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 during its annual field training exercise.



Lance Cpl. Tovarish Deoleo, field radio operator, Marine Wing Support Squadron- 172, keeps a lookout for suspicious movement or approaching enemy during the combat simulation portion of Cloud Warrior 2000.



Lance Cpl. Joshua L. Dewees, military policeman, Provost Marshal Office, Marine Corps Base, assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, prepares to fire the .50 caliber machine gun during the weapons firing portion of Cloud Warrior 2000.

Protestors test MEU Marines

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit practices real-world operations under watchful eye of Special Operations Training Group

Pfc. Keith R. Meikle

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN— Crowds of raving protestors shouted, spit and threw anything they could get their hands on at a group of Marines here. However, practice makes perfect, and what better way to practice than in a realistic simulated environment and circumstance.

The practice, used to get the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit perfect, was a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation held Oct. 4. The training prepares Marines for real-life evacuation situations.

“These operations involve evacuating American citizens and other designated persons from countries whose political climate is or has become unstable and presents an immediate danger to those residing in the country,” said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Andy, operations officer, Special Operation Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

What makes the NEO training so important to the Marines serving with the MEUs is “it assists them in their pre-deployment training plan by using a controlled scenario to evaluate the unit,” Andy said.

The controlled scenarios and other events designed to train and evaluate are set up by SOTG.

The SOTG evaluators closely watch Marines throughout the NEO to ensure they do not deviate from the plan. They also make sure the exercise is safe and runs according to schedule.

There is a sequential script that must be followed as closely as possible to ensure training objectives are met, according to Lance Cpl. James A. Gilligan, an acting protestor and combat engineer, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group.

The training involves setting up a location and finding actors to portray both aggressors and evacuees. The recent NEO training took place in small buildings previously used as administration office space. Marines from 3rd Marine Division, 3rd FSSG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group portrayed aggressors, protestors and evacuees.

According to Gilligan, one of the angry faces in the crowd, the training was important because it is so realistic and helps prepare the Marines for an operation they are likely to see.

“The Marines have had to conduct NEO’s in the past years,” Andy said. “This is an operation they have executed and must be prepared to perform. Overall, this is a highly challenging event to develop, script and execute.”



PFC. KEITH R. MEIKLE

Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit remove an unruly protester from the crowd during noncombatant evacuation training.

Ie Shima home to obscure band of Marines

Cpl. Matthew E. Habib

Combat Correspondent

IE SHIMA—They live at a place that is as hard to pronounce as it is to find on a map. The rural island of Ie Shima is a 20-minute ferry ride from Motobu, Okinawa, and is home to one of the Corps’ most obscure units – the Operations Support Detachment, Ie Shima.

Staffed by 12 Marines and a Sailor, the unit is responsible for coordinating unit training and annual exercises on Ie Shima for Okinawa-based units.

Among the seemingly endless fields of sugarcane, tobacco and herds of livestock, the unit resides in a small military complex. It has an operations office and two barracks. One houses OSD person-

nel and the other is reserved for units that come here for training. They also have a secure lot which houses a maintenance garage for a unit’s vehicles.

Even though the buildings are not much to look at, the unit inside performs as one of the smoothest running outfits in the Marine Corps. Not an easy task when only 12 Marines are assigned to an almost completely isolated, yet extremely essential post, according to Capt. Andrew J. Lockett, officer in charge, OSD.

“We have all of these different facilities on our range, available to support units from different branches of services,” Lockett said. “While the Marines serve billets in their original MOS’s, they also learn and serve different billets to compensate.”

Right now, OSD has a cook and combat engineer serving as range wardens, a power line mechanic serving as a range scheduler and an administrative Marine who received a boat certification while stationed here, and now serves as the water safety warden.

“The real challenge that these young Marines stationed here face is not the work they are expected to accomplish,” said Gunnery Sgt. Albert E. Rix, SNCOIC, OSD. “The challenge is mostly mental. Everyday, they work, accomplish what they need to get done, but then ... that’s it. There’s nothing left for them to do or anywhere for them to go.”

Finding ways to stay entertained is only one of many mental aspects to this duty, according to Lance Cpl. Kurtis A. Hollar, supply administrative chief, OSD.

“Our unit is a tight family, but of course, as with any unit, some tensions arise from time to time,” said Hollar. “Out here we work, eat and live together, so everyday we see the same faces. While it’s nice to be close to your fellow Marines, you can’t really get away from them and find your own space.”

Luckily for the OSD Marines, and in keeping with the unit’s uniqueness, their barracks is like most have never seen.

The first floor alone is equipped with a full entertainment center, small bar, weight room, and library. There is also a full kitchen and din-

ing room, equipped with a large refrigerator and pantry for every unit member to store his food. Essentially, this is the Marines’ makeshift chow hall, according to Rix.

“You’ll find the basic elements of a small chow hall back here,” Rix said. “The Marines are responsible for cooking their own food, and after sharing their meals together in the dining room, cleaning up their own mess.”

A shed full of wetsuits and diving tanks, kayaks, and sporting accessories is provided for the unit’s leisure. Without all of these Marine Corps Community Services items, life on the small island would be almost unbearable for a one-year, unaccompanied tour, Hollar said.

“Here, we have to wait two weeks at a time just to buy food, and that can take an entire day. It requires us to ride a ferry to Okinawa, drive to the base to buy food, and then transport everything back home. Imagine if we wanted to do something as simple as renting a movie.”

Community relations with the local residents of the island also play a role in the OSD Marines’ lives.

The Marines are truly ambassadors for the Marine Corps, and produce an excellent image for their neighbors.

During training operations, the unit tries to respect their neighbors’ privacy as much as possible, and not disturb their way of life, said Lockett.

With all of these factors, the Marines are proud of their accomplishments and that they have been picked by the Marine Corps to be stationed at OSD, according to Hollar.

“This is an extremely hard job to do, we’re expected to go out on our own and accomplish our mission, and we come through every time,” Hollar said. “It feels great to be trusted by the Marine Corps to be out here alone and responsible for as much as we are. It is a real privilege being stationed on Ie Shima.”



CPL. MATTHEW E. HABIB

Lance Cpl. Kurtis Hollar stops to say hello to one of his closest neighbors on Ie Shima Island, a farm goat. Hollar, a supply clerk assigned to the Operations Support Detachment on Ie Shima, is one of 12 Marines who live on the remote island which serves as an important training area for Okinawa-based Marines.



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Daniel Herbert, 12, a 7th grader at Bechtel Elementary School tosses a football at tires hung for a football toss game booth during the school's Fall Festival.

Bechtel holds annual
Fall festival

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP McTUREOUS — More than 2,500 gathered Oct. 6 on the athletic field behind Bechtel Elementary School here to enjoy the school's annual Fall Festival fundraiser.

Money earned from the annual fall festival is deposited in the Parents and Teachers Association general fund.

The money is then budgeted by the PTA for school organizations such as the Reflections Art Program, skating parties and classroom support.

"We haven't necessarily earmarked the money for any particular thing yet," said Chris Lyons, PTA Fall Festival Chair, Bechtel Elementary School. "But it's great to see so many people out here to support the school."

The supporters enjoyed grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and pizza while they wandered around the festival. Children played on a large, colorful, inflated slide and an equally bright obstacle course. Marine volunteers provided supervision and ensured the safety of the children bouncing around them.

"I'm out here because I love kids," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Bush, motor transport operator, Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "And it's a great way to support the school."

The Marine volunteers were joined by parent volunteers to run small carnival stands offering face painting, jewelry and crown construction, and books for sale.

Each stand provided its services in exchange for tickets that festivalgoers purchased on their way into the event.

In addition to the stands, children tossed footballs through tires, battled one another in medieval jousting and even imprisoned their parents.

"For two tickets some Marines from division's H&S battalion put their colonel in jail," Bush said. "This is the only chance they will ever have to do that to their CO."



Malik Williams, 12, battles with Antonio Frazier, 13, in a round of medieval jousting during the Bechtel Elementary School Fall Festival.



Col. Ronald Makuta, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, is "imprisoned" with his daughter, Elizabeth, 3, during the Bechtel Elementary School Fall Festival.



Taylor Ledesma, 2, has a butterfly painted on her cheek by Jackie Joplin, a volunteer at the Bechtel Elementary School Fall Festival.



Joseph Maniscalco, 3, makes his way through a tunnel on the inflated obstacle course at the Bechtel Elementary School Fall Festival. More than 2,500 gathered on the athletic field behind Bechtel Elementary School Oct. 6 to enjoy the school's annual Fall Festival fundraiser.

A league of their own

Youth soccer team takes on all comers

Cpl. Jason S. Schaap

Combat Correspondent

CAMP BUTLER – It’s been said that soccer is the true world sport.

For some promising teenage players on Okinawa, though, the sport had not caught on enough.

That is why Sergio Rodriguez decided to create a team named Juventud, which is the Spanish word for youth.

Juventud was formed a month ago when not enough players signed up for the 16 to 18-year-old recreational league at Kadena Air Base. Rodriguez, a master sergeant and supply chief for 3rd Force Service Support Group, and a coach from Kadena agreed to split the teenagers up. The Kadena coach took the players from Kadena, and Rodriguez formed a team from the players from the rest of the island.

With no other teams to play in their age group, they began playing Okinawan teams. Juventud easily won seven of eight games. Rodriguez said he realized he acquired a talented group of teenagers who needed better competition. However, there was no other competition their age.

“There is no real venue for these kids here,” said Rodriguez, who has been involved in soccer since he started playing 30 years ago. “Unlike in the United States, there isn’t a lot of soccer skill in Okinawa. I’ve got some kids who played in South Carolina where they had to try out for the team, pay to be coached and traveled as far as New York to compete.”

The only other teams available to play were the larger Marine Corps teams. Rodriguez scheduled his team against the Marines.

The Marines would not be so easy to beat, however.

“Many of the Marines we play are 18 or 19-year-old privates first class or lance corporals who feel threatened by these kids,” Rodriguez said. “They do whatever they have to do to break you.”

Nonetheless, Juventud placed well in a Marine Corps tournament, winning two and losing two in

double-elimination.

“Some Marines were hacking and pushing these kids pretty hard,” Rodriguez said. “But they never gave up.”

Now, the team is preparing to enter a Marine league. Despite the size difference, some players said they welcome the competition.

“Playing makes you better,” said Pat Maddox. “Because of this team, I play more, and I get better.”

Normally, Rodriguez said, his players would have just two months to play in a Camp Foster league, two months to play for their middle or high schools, and two months to play in the recently cancelled Kadena league.

“That leaves six months without anywhere to play soccer,” said the New York City native. “If you’re serious about soccer you need to play more than that.”

Wynter Rodriguez, one of two female players for Juventud, said there is even less competition on Okinawa for females who are serious about soccer. She said she is willing to play with males because her desire to improve her skills is strong.

“The guys are rough, but it’s good for you,” Wynter said. “It toughens me up.”

Wynter is not the only Juventud player improving her skills playing with bigger, more experienced competition. According to Rodriguez, some of his players are



CPL. JASON S. SCHAAP

Juventud coach Sergio Rodriguez gives some tips to his players during a team practice behind the Camp Foster Fieldhouse. Rodriguez created Juventud for Department of Defense family members ages 15 to 18 who want to play against more competitive soccer teams than they normally would be able to on Okinawa.

15-year-olds who got waivers out of the Kadena 13 to 15-year-old league because it was not competitive enough. As Juventud continues to practice and play together, Wynter said she is impressed by their talent, despite being made up of Department of Defense family members who move around a lot.

“Every week we get new players and we’re still good,” said Wynter. “Back in the States people play with each other for years before they get good.”

Rodriguez said now that the word is spreading about his team, he is getting more applicants. He hopes when he leaves Okinawa in July he not only has found somebody that will keep Juventud going, but that enough players have showed an interest to start a competitive league.

For more information about Juventud, call Master Sgt. Rodriguez at 637-3438.

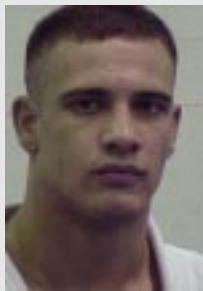
Judo

Marine champ looks ahead to 2004 Olympics

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — In 1991, it was a way for a 10-year-old little boy to learn how to defend himself. Almost 10 years later, what started as the inexpensive option to learn self-defense has become a future illuminated by Olympic dreams.



JONES

“Honestly, I wanted to learn how to fight,” said Cpl. Randall W. Jones, ground operations non-commissioned officer, Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. “Judo offered the cheapest lessons.”

Jones’ first lessons cost his parents \$10 for three months of training. The other options at the time, Tae Kwon Do and karate, started in the hundreds of dollars for fewer lessons.

While getting into judo started out as a lesson in economics, it has proven to be the launch pad for Jones’ athletic career.

In the last eight years, Jones has placed among the top three in more

than 100 tournaments held around his home state of Kansas.

Among his successes was a September 2000 1st place victory in the National Judo Ladder Tournament held in Fort Worth, Texas.

His achievement in the Ladder Tourney qualified him for international competition and gave him elite athlete status.

Those victories lead to his placement in the top-10 rankings for judo athletes from the United States within the 160 lbs. class. His abilities also gained him Marine Corps support of his athletic endeavors.

“The Marine Corps Sports Program has helped me attend many tournaments that I may not have been able to afford or have the time to attend otherwise,” Jones said. “Although it is difficult to train like I should with my heavy workload, the Marine Corps has given me time to go compete.”

Jones finds the time to train for competition while keeping up with his daily duties by doing physical training in the morning before work and at lunch.

“This mainly consists of running, swimming and other cardio exercises,” Jones said.

Four or five judo practices a week round out Jones’ training. He

tries to work out with a Japanese judo sensei every day and hits the gym with the Kadena jujitsu club a few times each week.

“I am always working to improve my judo skills while maintaining my MOS proficiency and taking college courses,” Jones said.

Jones earned his first-degree black belt in September 1996. As he works to improve his judo skills, he is also climbing up the black-belt degree ladder.

“There is nobody in the States over a seventh-degree black belt as far as I know,” Jones said. “A fourth or fifth-degree would be considered high in the States.”

The training Jones is able to get in Okinawa will help him climb the ladder. The 2004 Olympic hopeful spent three months training at the Olympic Judo Training Center last summer. He says he feels the high school in Naha, where he currently trains, could teach the Olympic training center a few things.

“I work out at a high school rated third in Japan in judo competition,” Jones said. “There are 50 students, all black belts who train for four hours a day, twice a day. The training is intense and draining, but it’s worth it.”

Jones training experience is paying off not only for him, as the Olympic judo

coaches know his name, but it is also paying off for the Marine Corps.

The 20-year-old first-term Marine has been the go-to-guy as the Corps re-trains all of its hand-to-hand combat instructors in martial arts.

The switch from previous close combat training techniques to martial arts based hand-to-hand combat that began with a training program Oct. 9 and ended Oct. 13 at Camp Courtney. Jones has been one of the lead organizers and looks forward to being trained as a hand-to-hand combat instructor.

With all of the big events in Jones’ life, he said the most memorable moment thus far in his judo career was the 1999 CISM World Military Games in Croatia. He placed ninth overall.

In the future and with the Marine Corps’ support, Jones desires to compete in the North American Tour.

The competition begins with a three-day international training camp and climaxes at Rendezvous Canada, one of the biggest international judo events in the world. And the “big game” is a realistic venture as far as Jones is concerned.

“I knew from the start I would be able to compete at a higher level,” Jones said. “I have the natural ability, and I am still young. I see myself at the 2004 Olympics.”

Discovering Hiji Falls



Lush vegetation and serenading wildlife combine with this waterfall to create a beautiful experience of outdoor Okinawa

Lance Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Combat Correspondent

KUNIGAMI VILLAGE – The two-kilometer forest trail winds its way through the lush vegetation, ranging from straight bamboos to twisted tropical trees, and accented with roller coaster-like hills. Several wooden bridges elevate the path allowing foliage to surround the trekker on the hike to Hiji Falls.

The Hiji waterfall is located near Kunigami village, on the northern end of Okinawa, and only a couple of blocks from Okuma beach.



The camping area, located behind the camp lodge, provides raised tent platforms which help keep tents dry and out of reach of small

animals. The camping area gives way to the beginning of the approximately two-kilometer trail which leads to the waterfall.

The journey to the falls is accompanied by serenading songs of birds such as the Akahige, or Ryukyu, Robin. This species is marked with white black and red feathers and is known for its beautiful song of, “Pi, PiPPi Pilululu” or “Pyr, Pyru,” according to Mitsugu Sugiyama, natural resources manager, Environmental Branch, Facilities Engineers, Marine Corps Base.

Also on the trail are the elusive Pryer’s Woodpeckers. Around 100 species of the woodpecker exist on the island, as well as several types of lizards, including geckos and the Ibo Imori, also known as Anderson’s Alligator Newt. The Hiji area is also home to crabs, turtles and fresh-water shrimp, which live in the Hiji River.

The Hiji River is spanned by a 17-meter long suspension bridge, which towers over the lazy flowing river. After crossing the bridge and passing wet rock walls and moist terraces, visitors reach a series of small lagoon-like pools at the beginning of the river.

The source of the river and the pools is a towering 25.7 meter high water fall.

Hiji Falls is a serene cascading misty waterfall that provides both a harmonic echo and a scenic view.

“You couldn’t ask for a better work out than walking the trail to and from Hiji Falls. The natural scenery, its like nowhere else on Okinawa,” said Lance Cpl. Miguel A. Pantelakis, driver for the chief of staff, Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler.

For hikers who are not satisfied with stopping at the waterfall, there is a less traveled and more challenging path to climb.

The cliffs forming the walls of the waterfall lead to a bigger pool, complete with rope swings and a smaller waterfall.

Visitors to Hiji Falls should wear comfortable attire and shoes. Hikers are reminded not to stray off the path or take home any of the animal species from around the Hiji area. Trash as well as cigarette butts should not be



PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. JOSH P. VIERELA

Visitors gather in and around the pool at the bottom of Hiji Falls to swim and cool off. The trail leading to the falls is located two blocks from Okuma Beach. It is a two-kilometer hike to the falls.

discarded on the trail. Even though swimming is allowed at all areas of the river, caution should be taken during bad weather.

The cost for entry is ¥100 for adult residents and ¥50 for resident children between the ages of 3-15. For nonresident adults the price is ¥200 and ¥100 for nonresident children. The price for camping for a resident is ¥1,000 per night for one tent and a camp stand, while the price for a nonresident is doubled.

The Hiji area is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All non-campers must be out of the gates by 6 p.m.

Health officials warn that fresh water swimming spots like Hiji Falls can carry leptospirosis, a disease that is transmitted through open cuts and causes flu-like symptoms.

The Marketplace



Automobiles/ motorcycles

1987 Nissan Sunny — JCI Oct 00, Free. 644-6109 or 645-0795.
1989 Honda Integra — JCI April 02, \$2,800. Karla, 646-2941 or 646-4234.
1987 Toyota Van — JCI Jun 02, \$2,300 OBO. 646-3166 or 645-2994.
1989 Nissan Skyline — JCI Jun 01, \$1,900 OBO. 637-5239 or 637-2117.
1990 Honda Inspire — JCI July 01, \$3,000. Roger, 622-9663 or 622-8586.
1993 Nissan Presea — JCI April 02, \$2,550. Pat, 637-5084 or 637-1447.
1992 Honda Vigor — JCI Sep 01, \$3,000 OBO. 637-4479 or 645-3979.
1987 Toyota Hilux 4X4 — JCI Sep 01, \$2,500. Doug, 090-1874-3144.
1975 Toyota Charib — Free. Jason, 636-3004 or 636-5141.
1988 Nissan Cefiro — JCI Oct 01, \$2,000 OBO. 646-4255 or 645-3899.
1989 Toyota Corona — JCI Nov 00, make offer. 623-4258 or 968-8387.
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1987 Honda VFR — JCI Mar 02, \$1,500. Alan, 636-3322.
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1988 Mitsubishi Delica — JCI Oct 00, \$600 OBO. 646-8348 or 645-2877.
1990 Honda Concerto — JCI Oct. 01, \$2,500 OBO. Bill Taylor, 622-6581.
1991 Nissan Sunny — JCI Sep 02, \$2,235. **1990 Nissan Cesiro** — JCI Sep 02, \$2,235. **1993 Toyota Ceres** — JCI Sep 02, \$2,535. 637-7772.
1990 Toyota Corona — JCI May 01, \$1,500 OBO. Naresh, 625-3036.
1988 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Jul 02, \$3,500. Jim, 646-4905.
1991 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Dec 01, \$1,500 OBO. **1989 Toyota** — JCI Jul 02, \$2,800 OBO. 622-8160.
1977 Mitsubishi Jeep — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500 OBO. 623-4948 or 633-7373.
1986 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Feb 02, \$1,900 OBO. 646-4539.
1988 Honda Accord — JCI Oct 01, \$1,400 OBO. Scott, 622-6608.
1987 Toyota Surf 4X4 — JCI June, 02. Best offer. Mike at 637-0058.



Miscellaneous

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Pet — Rottweiler, 7-months-old, male w/accessories, \$300 OBO. 622-8554.
Misc. — Baby crib, full size, \$50; Navy blue Carpet, 6X9, \$50. 646-4923.
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Fri Remember the Titans (PG); 7:00, 10:30
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Sat Remember the Titans (PG); 7:00
Sat Scary Movie (R); 10:00
Sun Fantasia 2000 (G); 1:00, 4:00
Sun Scary Movie (R); 7:00
Mon Scary Movie(R); 7:00
Tue Scary Movie (R); 7:00
Wed Nutty Professor 2 (PG13); 7:00
Thu Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri Scary Movie (R); 7:00, 9:30
Sat The Patriot (R); 7:00
Sun Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00
Wed Thomas and the Magic Railroad (G); 2:00
Wed Mission Impossible 2 (PG13); 7:00

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri The Patriot (R); 7:30
Sat X-Men (PG13); 7:30
Sun Thomas and the Magic Railroad (G); 7:30
Mon Mission Impossible 2 (PG13); 7:30
Wed Remember the Titans (PG); 7:30

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri Bait (R)
Sat Bait (R)
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Mon Scary Movie (R)
Tue Scary Movie (R)
Wed Screwed (PG13)

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Fri Bait (R); 7:00
Sat Thomas and the Magic Railroad (G); 1:00
Sat Bait (R); 5:30, 8:30
Sun Thomas and the Magic Railroad (G); 2:00
Sun X-Men (PG13); 5:30, 8:30
Mon Remember the Titans (PG); 7:00
Tue Boys and Girls (PG13); 7:00
Wed X-Men (PG13); 7:00
Thu Scary Movie (R); 7:00

Kinser (637-2177)

Fri Mission Impossible 2 (PG13); 7:00
Sat Fantasia 2000 (G); 3:00
Sat Scary Movie (R); 7:00, 11:30
Sun Fantasia 2000 (G); 2:00
Sun Scary Movie (R); 5:30, 8:30
Mon Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00
Tue Nutty Professor 2 (PG13); 7:00
Wed Scary Movie(R); 7:00
Thu Remember the Titans (PG13);7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

Fri Boys and Girls (PG13)
Sat Gone in 60 Seconds (PG13)
Sat X-Men (PG13)
Sun Gone in 60 Seconds (PG13)
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